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1. FOLLOWING IN TRANSLATION IS THE TEXT OF A FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOTE DATED AUGUST 6 (RECEIVED AT THE EMBASSY AUGUST 20, 1973) REGARDING SWIFTSHIPS:

"THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ITS NOTE NO. 172 CONCERNING A CONTRACT BETWEEN SWIFTSHIP INC. OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA AND AEROTRADE CORPORATION OF MIAMI FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIX 65-FOOT PATROL BOATS WHICH WERE TO BE DELIVERED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI.

"THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOTED WELL THAT SWIFTSHIP INC. HAS DELIVERED TO AEROTRADE AND HAS BEEN PAID FOR THREE OF THE BOATS IN QUESTION, HAS COMPLETED TWO OTHERS, THE SIXTH AND LAST BOAT BEING FIFTY PERCENT CONSTRUCTED; THAT SWIFTSHIP INC. IS SUBMITTING A CLAIM FOR THE SIGNIFICANT
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DEBT OF APPROXIMATELY \$676,000 FOR THE THREE BOATS NOT

YET DELIVERED.

"THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE NAME OF THIS AMERICAN COMPANY HAS BEEN MENTIONED TO IT: SWIFTSHIP INCORPORATED WITH WHICH IT NEVER HAS HAD A CONTRACT AND HAS NEVER DEALT.

"MOREOVER BY WAY OF INFORMATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BELIEVES THAT IT SHOULD SPECIFY THAT THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ALWAYS RESPECTED THE TERMS OF ITS CONTRACTS WITH AEROTRADE CORPORATION WHICH (COMPANY) HAS NO MANDATE OR LEGAL AUTHORIZATION TO ACT IN ITS NAME.

"FURTHER, GIVEN THE QUALITY OF THE MATERIAL DELIVERED BY THIS COMPANY AND THE DELAYS IN SHIPMENT, THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT HAS THE INTENTION TO RE-EXAMINE PREVIOUS CONTRACTS WITH AEROTRADE. THAT THIS COMPANY HAS SIGNED CONTRACTS WITH OTHER FIRMS, ENTERED INTO OBLIGATIONS, ARRANGED PRICES FOLLOWING ITS OWN OPINIONS, THE HAITIAN

GOVERNMENT HAS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH AND REFUSES ALL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE CONSEQUENCES WHICH COULD FOLLOW FROM THIS.

"(COMPLPPENTARY CLOSE)"

2. COPY OF NOTE IN FRENCH BEING POUCHED TO ARA/CAR.
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